



2009 SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA DEER HUNT INFORMATION (989) 865-6211

The Shiawassee River State Game Area (SRSGA) and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) deer hunts will be handled separately. For information on the SNWR hunts, please contact the refuge at 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48601, (989) 777-5930. You may apply for both state and federal preregistered hunts.

PREREGISTERED DRAWINGS

Applicants will apply by submitting an application to the St. Charles DNR Field Office. There is no fee to apply. Cards must be postmarked by **AUGUST 1, 2009**. Applications postmarked after the deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be entered in the drawing. You do not need return postage on the card as this card will not be returned to you.

Instructions for Completing Preregistered Hunt Applications

1. Applicants may apply **once** and may choose only **ONE (1) hunt**. Hunt Choice Code Numbers for state hunts are listed below.
2. Hunters must mail a 4" x 6" card (not a piece of paper) to **DNR Field Office, 225 E. Spruce Street, St. Charles, Michigan 48655-1309** with the following information on one side of the card:
Name
Address – City – State – Zip
Date of Birth
Phone Number
Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number (Do Not Use Hunter Safety Number)
Hunt Choice Code Number
3. Hunters may apply with one "partner" (maximum of two people in one party) in which case they will both receive a permit or neither will receive a permit. "Partners" must apply for the same Hunt Choice Code Number. For those who wish to apply as partners, each hunter must fill out a card and the cards must be mailed together in one envelope.
4. **Hunters who are successful for antlerless permits will be notified with instructions on how to purchase a Deer Management Unit 173 Public Land Antlerless Deer license using the Retail Sales Licensing system.**
5. Only successful applicants will be notified. They will be notified by September 20, 2009.

STATE PREREGISTERED HUNTS SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA

HUNT CHOICE CODE #	DATES	TYPE	HUNT AREA*	NUMBER HUNTERS	2008 APPLICANTS	HARVEST PERMITS**
102	Nov. 01 - Nov. 07	Archery	1	150	137	State Regulations
103	Nov. 08 - Nov. 14	Archery	1	150	184	State Regulations
104	Nov. 15 - Nov. 19	Shotgun	2	100	211	State Regulations
105	Nov. 20 - Nov. 24	Shotgun	2	100	80	State Regs. & 15% Antlerless
106	Nov. 25 - Nov. 30	Shotgun	2	100	251	State Regs. & 15% Antlerless
107	Dec. 04 - Dec. 08	Muzzleloader	2	100	272	State Regs. & 100% Antlerless
108	Dec. 09 - Dec. 14	Muzzleloader	1	100	253	State Regs. & 100% Antlerless
109	Dec. 15 - Dec. 20	Muzzleloader	1	100	147	State Regs. & 100% Antlerless

* **Hunt Areas:** Area 1 – Entire Area Except State Wildlife Refuge.
Area 2 – "A" Areas Only

**Antlerless allotments are subject to change.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH FIREARM DEER HUNT

30 permits will be issued from the St. Charles Field Office. Permits will be issued by a preregistered drawing. To apply, hunters must mail a 4" x 6" card (not a piece of paper) to the St. Charles Field Office with the following information on one side of the card: Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Date of Birth, Phone Number, Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number (**do not** apply with a hunter safety number) and write: "Youth Hunt". Youths 10-16 years of age are eligible to apply and take one deer during this special two-day season. Youths 10-13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. All youth must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. An adult accompanying a youth cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and does not need a deer hunting license. Adults do not need to fill out an application for the youth hunt. Hunter orange must be worn by all. **Deadline to apply for the youth hunt is August 1, 2009.** Successful youths will be notified by August 15, 2009. Youths may also apply for a preregistered hunt during regular deer season hunts. (Note: Received 61 applications in 2008).

OPEN ARCHERY HUNTS

Open archery deer hunting permits for selected hunt periods are available to all hunters in addition to the preregistered hunt for which you may have been selected. Hunters may obtain permits for three hunt periods: October 1-31, December 1-3, and December 21-January 1. Hunters may obtain these permits from the St. Charles Field Office in person (**please call ahead for office hours**), by mail or fax (include name, address, driver's license or sportcard number, date of birth, and hunt period selection from periods listed below). If requesting permits by mail or fax (989)865-8503, you may send for them at any time. We will send you the permit on the first day of the pick up dates below. **Telephone permit requests will not be accepted.**

Archers may hunt the entire game area, except state wildlife refuge (refer to State Game Area map).

Permits may be picked up as follows:

ARCHERY HUNT PERIODS

October 1 - 31
December 1 - 3
December 21 – January 1

PICK UP PERMITS ON THESE DATES

September 14 – October 31
November 11 – December 3
December 07 – December 23

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES:	\$13.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Annual (code 138) or \$4.00 for Waterfowl Area Use Daily (code 137) is required for all deer hunts in addition to a deer hunting license. These can be obtained at any license dealer.
FIREARMS:	Same as statewide regulations except the possession and use of buckshot is prohibited on Shiawassee River State Game Area.
PERMITS:	You must carry your issued permit with you during your hunt period.
PERMIT RETURNS:	Permits must be returned within 48 hours after last day of hunt period. Failure to return permits on time will result in ineligibility for future permits. Deer hunters having any outstanding permits for any of the 2008 hunts will not be issued any deer permits in 2009.
TREE STANDS:	Must be portable and can be placed on the first day of your hunt period and can remain until the last day of your hunt period. Stands must have name and address affixed to them that can be seen from the ground.
DEER CHECK:	Hunters are encouraged to bring deer to a DNR check station to assist in our collection of biological data and disease surveillance in order to improve our deer management program.
BAITING:	No baiting is allowed.
BUTTON BUCKS:	Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at antlerless deer before shooting to minimize the chance of harvesting a button buck or young male. Allowing button bucks to survive will increase the buck to doe sex ratio on this area.

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